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*Agency of Human Services*

NAME  
PRACTICE  
SAMPLE Health Service Area

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Dear NAME:

The Blueprint for Health is excited that your practice has decided to join the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). This letter is to formally notify you of Medicaid payments that will be made on behalf of your practice based on your participation and to describe the WHI strategies your practices agrees to implement.

### **Payments**

Three forms of payment will be initiated in January, 2017: Practice Per Member Per Month (PMPM), one-time capacity and Community Health Team (CHT) payments. The purpose of each payment follows.

The **WHI Practice PMPM payment** helps support your practice to implement the WHI strategies (see below). For the first twelve (12) months of participation in the program, your practice will be paid a \$1.25 PMPM on Medicaid beneficiaries seen by your practice in the past two years. In the second year of participation in the program your practice will be paid a base payment of \$1.00 PMPM plus a quality payment of up to \$0.50 PMPM based on performance measures and utilization measures which will be defined in 2017.

The **One-Time Capacity Payment** is to assist your practice in initiating WHI strategies and specifically provides support for designing and implementing processes to:

- provide evidence-based family planning counseling including the full spectrum of birth control options;
- stock Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) devices; and
- facilitate offering patients who choose LARC same-day availability for LARC insertion.

The capacity payment is a one-time per member payment (PMP) based upon your practice stocking LARC devices at a level appropriate for your patient population. The amount of the payment depends on your practice's size and whether you are enrolled in the Medicaid 340B pharmacy program. Please see the practice attestation form and Blueprint for Health Manual for more detail.

**CHT Payment** is intended to support one FTE licensed, Master's prepared clinician mental health provider for every 1200 Medicaid beneficiaries attributed to your practice. The monthly Medicaid CHT payment will be in the amount of **\$5.42** a month per Medicaid beneficiary (\$65 annual) made to the local Blueprint administrative entity.

The WHI payments will be made quarterly. Each quarter the Medicaid beneficiary count will be calculated based on the attribution algorithm defined in the Blueprint for Health Manual. Although DVHA can only commit to annual funding within appropriations, it is our intent that this program will be ongoing and will be part of the annual DVHA budget request going forward.

### **WHI Strategies**

As a WHI practice you are agreeing to implement the WHI Strategies - enhanced services described on the practice attestation form attached including:

- Evidence-based, comprehensive family planning counseling that emphasizes the effectiveness of different birth control options and same-day insertion for women who choose long acting reversible contraception as their preferred method of birth control.
- Screening, brief intervention, and referral for depression, intimate partner violence, substance abuse, food insecurity and housing stability.
- Referral relationships with community based organizations whose clients desire family planning counseling and access to birth control options.
- Assistance for patients who do not have a primary care provider to establish a relationship with a patient centered medical home.

Please read the attestation form carefully and return a signed copy to Candace Elmquist at [Candace.Elmquist@vermont.gov](mailto:Candace.Elmquist@vermont.gov) by January 15, 2017.

Thank you for supporting the work to enhance women's health and reduce unintended pregnancy in Vermont. We look forward to working closely together with you on this journey.

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